



## Epithalamium

A swift green bride  
and veiled husband  
ill-fitting for a hairpin

in a blue suede wheelbarrow  
in a wedding ambulance  
the streets paved in

embraces and a tattooed  
priest hidden behind  
breadcrumbs with mottos

and blessings for the  
well-groomed trees  
pearls reminding her

that summer is only a theme  
and lilacs are punishable  
but never learn.

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